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For: A METHOD FOR THE  
MANUFACTURE OF AN  
ACTUATOR DEVICE AND  
AN ACTUATOR DEVICE  
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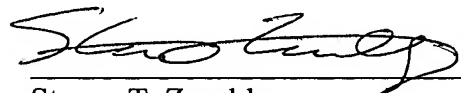
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The above-listed references have been cited in a European Search Report issued in a corresponding European Patent Application. Accordingly, a copy of the English translation of the European Search Report showing the degree of relevancy of each reference is enclosed.

In view of the present submission, it is believed that the present application is in all respects complete and in condition for examination and favorable consideration which is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments relating to the present application, he or she is respectfully invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

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